

**REMARKS**

**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Examiner's Action of August 29, 2008 be extended two months, from November 29, 2008 to January 29, 2009.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the RCE Filing Fee, extension fee, and any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-4364.

This is further to Applicant's response, dated December 1, 2008, filed in reply to the Examiner's final Action mailed August 29, 2008, and is in response to the Advisory Action, mailed December 17, 2008.

Applicant submits herein an amendment to claim 1 that provides more specificity regarding the specialized machine that performs the method of the present invention. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicant believes that its last Response to the previous Office Action resulted in the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9 and 10 for being unclear as to their dependency. Applicant submitted therein that each of these claims are claims drafted using the well-known and accepted "product by process" claiming method and are thus proper claims, each depending from claim 1. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections to claims 9 and 10.

Regarding the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,874,148 to Richardson in view of IBM Technical Disclosure ("Forwarder Dynamic Link Libraries as a Method for Servicing Software," IBM Technical Disclosure

Bulletin, IBM Corp., New York, US, vol. 38, no. 11, November 1, 1995, pps. 407-408, XP000547408 ISSN: 0018-, hereinafter "IBM"), Applicant reiterates its position that neither of these references, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest both the direct and indirect linking of the executable program to functions as is claimed herein. The present invention discloses a dynamic link library (DLL) in a computing device provided in the form of a first part and an extension part. The first part has selected entry point ordinals by which an application program may *directly* link to first functions. The application program may only link to further functions *indirectly* via the extension part of the DLL. This is specifically claimed in the present claim set.

An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted

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